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R 250852Z APR 75  
FM AMEMBASSY MANILA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2652  
INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON  
AMEMBASSY TAIPEI  
USLO PEKING  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
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S E C R E T MANILA 5355

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PBOR VN RP

SUBJECT: GOP CONCERN OVER NVN INCURSION INTO SPRATLY AREA

REF: MANILA 5250 B. MANILA 4777

1. IN COURSE PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS  
MORNING APRIL 25, HE INFORMED ME OF HIS CONCERN ABOUT  
NORTH VIETNAMESE INTENTIONS IN SPRATLYS. HE SAID THERE  
WERE INDICATIONS HANOI INTENDS TO TAKE OVER ENTIRE ISLAND  
CHAIN.

2. I GAVE AS MY PERSONAL OPINION VIEW THAT HANOI WAS  
MOVING RAPIDLY TO PRE-EMPT PEKING SEIZURE OF SPRATLYS IN  
MANNER IT HAD SEIZED PARACELS. I THOUGHT, THEREFORE, THAT  
FIRST PRIORITY HANOI ACTION WOULD BE TO TAKE OVER ISLANDS  
CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY SAIGON. I (SPECULATED) WHETHER, AT THIS  
STAGE, HANOI WISHED TO PICK FURTHER FIGHTS WITH GOP AND  
GRC.

3. MARCOS ASKED WHETHER I THOUGHT SOVIETS HAD INFLUENCED  
HANOI TO ACT IN PRE-EMPTION OF PRC. I SAID I DOUBTED

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HANOI NEEDED ANY EXTERNAL INSPIRATION AND SPOKE A BIT

ABOUT THE EXHIBITS IN HANOI MUSEUMS ABOUT EARLIER WARS  
BETWEEN VIET-NAM AND CHINA.

4. MARCOS THEN TURNED TO GOP PROBLEM IF THEIR ISLAND  
GARRISONS ARE ATTACKED. ALTHOUGH NEITHER OF US MENTIONED  
US-RP DEFENSE TREATY, I POINTED OUT THE COMPLICATIONS  
INHERENT IN GOP DISPOSITION, BECAUSE ISLANDS ARE  
ISLANDS IN CONTENTION, AND U.S. DID NOT ACCEPT AS  
DEFINITIVE THE PHILIPPINE CLAIM TO THESE ISLANDS. MARCOS  
AGREED SITUATION WAS NEBULOUS AND LET MATTER DROP THERE.

5. WHEN MAY I EXPECT GUIDANCE REQUESTED REF B?  
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